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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— May 2005

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to May 2005 from—	
	May 2004	Nov. 2004	May 2005	May 2004	Nov. 2004
1. Piece Goods	483.5	507.8	487.9	0.9	-3.9
2. Domestics and Draperies	542.2	535.3	533.8	-1.5	-0.3
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	645.0	656.6	666.7	3.4	1.5
4. Men's Shoes	868.4	842.9	878.3	1.1	4.2
5. Infants' Wear	575.6	584.3	572.5	-0.5	-2.0
6. Women's Underwear	512.2	518.5	544.1	6.2	4.9
7. Women's Hosiery	338.2	342.0	343.1	1.4	0.3
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	567.5	583.1	594.1	4.7	1.9
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	377.2	376.8	366.8	-2.8	-2.7
10. Men's Clothing	548.4	542.5	563.9	2.8	3.9
11. Men's Furnishings	594.3	581.5	585.5	-1.5	0.7
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	445.2	430.1	431.0	-3.2	0.2
13. Jewelry	905.2	879.0	892.1	-1.4	1.5
14. Notions	797.5	789.1	811.0	1.7	2.8
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	1001.4	998.6	999.7	-0.2	0.1
16. Furniture and Bedding	613.8	601.7	606.8	-1.1	0.8
17. Floor Coverings	587.9	590.2	599.4	2.0	1.6
18. Housewares	714.8	711.8	716.6	0.3	0.7
19. Major Appliances	201.6	201.6	204.5	1.4	1.4
20. Radio and Television	42.4	40.7	39.5	-6.8	-2.9
21. Recreation and Education ¹	80.8	79.5	78.5	-2.8	-1.3
22. Home Improvements ¹	129.1	130.6	136.5	5.7	4.5
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	112.1	113.1	114.6	2.2	1.3
1-15. Soft Goods	570.1	566.4	568.3	-0.3	0.3
16-20. Durable Goods	384.2	380.5	382.3	-0.5	0.5
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	93.4	92.9	93.2	-0.2	0.3
Store Total ²	503.2	499.6	501.5	-0.3	0.4

¹ Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

² The Store Total index covers all departments, with the following exceptions: candy, food, liquor, tobacco, as well as contract departments.

NOTE: Indexes for previous periods and a brief description of the methods used in calculating the indexes may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Statistics at (202) 691-6968. The application of these indexes in the preparation of tax returns is solely within the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service. Treasury Decision No. 5605 accords the use of the elective inventory method by taxpayers employing the retail inventory method.

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